



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** LT MURRAY TREE THINNING PROJECT

**Description of Proposal:** On Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's L.T. Murray Wildlife Area lands, Yakama Nation is proposing to thin over stocked ponderosa pine in part of the Taneum Creek Watershed to shift the forest community back to historic pine stand by understory thinning and introduction of prescribed fire.

**Proponent/Applicant:**

Yakama Nation through Yakima/Klickitat Fisheries Program (YKFP)  
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**Location of Proposal:** LT Murray Wildlife Area, Washington, Kittitas County; of Section 3, Township 18 North, Range 16 East WM and Sections 33 & 34, Township 19 North, Range 16 East WM

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law<sup>1</sup> does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.<sup>2</sup> We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **December 21, 2011**.

**Method of Comment:**

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to [SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov)
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

**Responsible Official:** Bob Zeigler

**Position/Title:** SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

**DATE OF ISSUE:** December 6, 2011

**SIGNATURE:**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Zeigler".

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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